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**FIRST ISSUE!**

# HERBIE



# PASS the PUCK HERBIE

STORY:  
ROGER BROUGHTON  
ART:  
DAN DAY

LOOK AT HIM! THE WAY OUR FAT LITTLE NOTHING TAKES SPACE, HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN ASTRONAUT!

DON'T BE SO HARD ON HIM, DEAR! THE LITTLE DARLING IS GOING THRU A PHASE... A SLOW ONE!



SLOW, SMO! HE SHOULD BE OUT THERE EXPANDING THE POPNECKER LEGEND!

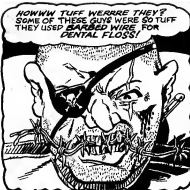
...AND HOW SHOULD HE DO THIS?



WELL, WHEN I WAS HIS AGE, I WAS THE BEST HOCKEY PLAYER IN TOWN!

I REMEMBER... IT WAS A GOOD THING YOUR FAMILY HAD DENTAL INSURANCE!









A FEW MINUTES  
LATER...

OK, OK.  
GATHER ROUND  
MY NAME IS BUD  
BERRY AND I'M THE  
COACH OF THE  
MINIVILLE  
MICE!

I'M THE GUY THAT WILL SHOW YOU ALL  
THE *NEAT STUFF* YOU'LL NEED TO  
BE THE *LEAN, MEAN SCORING*  
*MACHINE!* WHAT YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND, YOU *ASK ME!*

REMEMBER  
EVERYTHING STARTS  
WHEN YOU SAY  
"BUD." ANY  
QUESTIONS?

WHY IS IT  
WE ALL HAVE  
THE NUMBER  
13 ON THE  
SWEATERS?

WELL, YA  
SEE KID MONEY'S  
TIGHT AND WE  
GOT A GOOD DEAL  
ON THE *UNSOLD*  
SWEATERS, SO...

*CHEAP SWEATERS,  
BAD NUMBERS...*  
KINDA MAKES YA  
FEEL LIKE A  
*WINNER!*

OK. ENOUGH  
TALK. I WANT  
EVERYONE TO  
HIT THE ICE!

B  
A  
M

... IT'S JUST AN  
EXPRESSION!  
YOU CAN GET  
UP NOW  
HERBIE.

AS OUR HERO PICKS HIMSELF OFF THE ICE, THE ROAR OF THE CROWD FILLS THE AIR...

KILL THE BUMS!

NUKE 'EM 'TIL THEY GLOW!

TAKE THEIR HEADS OFF!!!

FEED 'EM RAW MEAT!

TAKE THEIR HEADS OFF!

TUFF CROWD! IS IT ALWAYS LIKE THIS?

NO, IT'S USUALLY BETTER WHEN OUR FOLKS DON'T SHOW!

YOU MEAN...

YEP, THAT'S FAMILY...

KINDA MAKES YOU WISH YOU WERE BORN A MARINE, huh?

ARE THEY BETTER WHEN YOU WIN?

I DON'T KNOW! WE HAVEN'T WON A GAME YET!

... BUT DON'T WORRY! I FEEL OUR LUCK IS ABOUT TO CHANGE!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

OK HERBIE...  
LET'S SEE YOUR  
WRIST SHOT!



THE STARE.

Nooooooooo!!



THE WIND UP!



THE PITCH!



HEY COACH!  
HERBIE JUST  
BEANBALLED  
OUR  
GOALIE!

TRY  
USING  
YOUR STICK!!

MAYBE IT'S TIME  
TO TRY SLAPSHOT!



whoops!



AHH... SORRY COACH!

OK.  
HERBIE...  
ENOUGH!  
YOU EARNED  
AN OPENING  
ON OUR  
TEAM!





THE LOCKER ROOM.

BENCHED!!  
THIS WAS TO BE  
YOUR BIG CHANCE  
AND YOU BLEW  
IT, HERBIE!

BUT DAD,  
THE COACH DIDN'T  
SAY IT WAS  
PERMANENT.  
HE SAID I  
NEEDED  
WORK!



WORK?  
HERBIE YOU  
NEED A MIRACLE!  
WELL I'M GOING BACK  
TO THE GAME WHERE  
THE REAL  
HEROES ARE!



MEET  
ME WHEN  
YOU'RE  
THROUGH.

DON'T LET  
IT GET YOU  
DOWN  
HERBIE!



NICE OF YOU  
TO DROP OVER  
AND SAY SO, SAM.  
BUT I GOT A  
PROBLEM!



COMPARED  
TO THE TEAM  
YOU'RE A KING YA  
BIG WAMOO! THEY  
STINK AND THEY'RE  
GIVING US MICE A  
BAD NAME! SO--WHAT  
ARE YOU GOING TO  
DO ABOUT IT?

WHAT CAN  
I DO? THE GAME IS  
ALMOST OVER--AND...  
HEY--WHAT'S  
GOING ON?

THE COACH IS  
HAVING A BREAK-  
DOWN AND WE'RE  
DOWN BY THREE  
POINTS... WE NEED  
HELP, HERBIE!



O.K. I'LL  
GO... BUT FIRST  
LET'S SHOW  
THEM WHO'S  
NUMBER  
ONE!

THAT'S MY  
BOY!



THE SCORE IS 3-0 FOR THE BIGGEST, MEANEST TEAM IN THE LEAGUE: THE "GARRISON GORILLAS"?



MEANWHILE, THE "MINI VILLE MICE" HAVE PROBLEMS OF THEIR OWN...

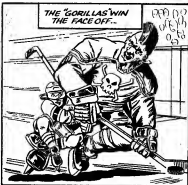
H-HAVE WE MET BEFORE SSSIRR?

!gulps!

YEAH, I WAS LAST TUESDAY'S NIGHTMARE! HOW'S THE BED LINEN, SQUIRT?



THE "GORILLAS" WIN THE FACE OFF...



"CRUSHER" ZAMBONY RUSHES DOWN THE ICE...



...HE'S TURNING AROUND...



HE SHOOTS...

CRUSHER, DOONN'TT!



...HE SCORES... ON HIS OWN NET?



THE CROWD ROARS AND THE MINIVILLE MICE MARK THEIR FIRST GOAL EVER!

KILL 'EM!

NUKE 'EM TILL THEY GLOW!

MORE FAMILY?

YEP

AS THE GAME ADVANCES, THE GORILLAS TRY EVERY DIRTY TRICK IN THE BOOK!

JUST GIVE ME A MINUTE... I KNOW IT'S ILLEGAL!

YOU KNOW... I--  
AAH --- JUST  
LOVE THESE  
LITTLE GUYS!

... YET HERBIE'S GOT PRECISE PASSING...

FORE!

PASS THE  
PUCK,  
HERBIE!

AND ASSISTS ON GOAL NUMBER TWO...

... AND GOAL NUMBER THREE!

THE SCORE IS NOW TIED WITH 10 SECONDS LEFT ON THE CLOCK AND THE "GORILLAS" ARE CONCERNED.

HEY, BRICKHEAD! I WANT YOU TO TAKE THE FAT KID OUT!

Un huh! YEAH, YEAH, I LIKE THAT!

READY FOR THE FACE OFF, THE "MICE" STAND ALERT WHILE THE CROWD GOES WILD!

OK, EVERYONE! STAY SHARP AND WATCH OUT FOR THE BABOONS!

HERBIE GETS THE PASS.

AND THE CROWD AGREES--ALMOST!

O.K. HERBIE, TWO MINUTES FOR CROSS CHECKING!

BUT REFF--HE TOOK A DIVE!

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WITH HERBIE ON THE BENCH,  
THE PLAYERS MAKE A VOW...

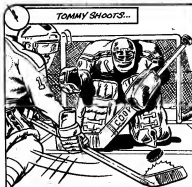


THE APES ARE GOING DOWN!

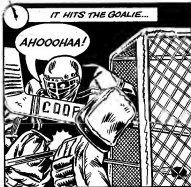
THE "MICE" WIN THE FACE OFF!



TOMMY SHOOTS...



IT HITS THE GOALIE...



AND THE "MICE" WIN!



TOO BAD MR. P. SLEPT THRU  
THE WHOLE THING!



BUT SUCH IS THE  
LIFE OF HERBIE...

YA, BUT  
YOU STILL  
DIDN'T SCORE!  
...I CAN  
REMEMBER...



THE  
END